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SUBJECT: KHADAFI INTERVIEW

1. APRIL 20 FIGARO CARRIED TEXT OF TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH KHADAFI CONDUCTED BY BUGALEB KURUKI. INTERVIEW INCLUDED COMMENTS ON KHADAFI'S YOUTH, HIS ANGLOPHOBIA, AND VIEWS ON ISLAM. SOME OF MOST INTERESTING REMARKS DEALT WITH ARAB OIL POLICY, RELATIONS WITH USSR AND ARABISATION.

2. PETROLEUM AS WEAPON AGAINST THE WEST. KHADAFI SAID EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON ARAB RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. THE FEAR THAT ARABS MIGHT USE PETROLEUM AS WEAPON COULD BECOME REALITY IN CASE THOSE (IMPORTING) COUNTRIES NEGLECT ARAB RIGHTS AND ALLY THEMSELVES TO ISRAELI

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ENEMY IN AREA OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, IF EACH COUNTRY ABIDES BY ITS AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD ITS OWN INTERESTS, RELATIONS CAN CONTINUE TRANQUILLY WITHOUT LAUNCHING INTO "PERILOUS ADVENTURES."

3. AID TO NORTHERN IRELAND. MOTIVE FOR LIBYAN AID WAS NOT HIS PERSONAL HATRED OF ENGLISH BUT FACT THAT IRELAND IS SMALL COUNTRY WHICH HAS TAKEN UP ARMS TO DEFEND ITS RIGHTS AND LIBERTY.

4. RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. LIBYA HAS TRIED TO SEPARATE ITS OFFICIAL POLITICAL RELATIONS FROM ITS IDEOLOGICAL RELATIONS. IN THIS SENSE AND IN PRESENT SITUATION, LIBYA HAS "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET INTERPRETATION OF WORLD PROBLEMS. LIBYA DISAGREED WITH COMMUNIST INTERPRETATIONS OF HISTORY, THE UNIVERSE, AID, NATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. KHADAFI ALSO EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT DEGREE OF HELP WHICH RUSSIA COULD BE TO ARAB CAUSE, NOTING THAT GREAT POWERS TAKE INITIATIVES PRIMARILY IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

5. ARABISATION - PASSPORT PROBLEM: ARABISATION IS A MEANS OF EXPRESSING NATIONALITY, DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF LIBYAN PEOPLE. LIBYA IS NOT DEMANDING THE IMPOSSIBLE, ONLY THAT ARABIC BE RECOGNIZED LIKE THE LANGUAGES OF OTHER GREAT NATIONS. SINCE LIBYA DOES NOT HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVANTS SPECIALIZED IN ALL LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD, OTHER NATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION LIBYA'S PROBLEMS. SOLUTION IS SIMPLE: "FOR THEM TO LEARN ARABIC."

6. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED.

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